

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In Re Application of:**

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**For: FILTERS WITH A GRADUATED STRUCTURE AND A METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING THE SAME**

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

**TYPE OF DECLARATION**

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is sought on the invention, whose title appears above, the application of which:

is attached hereto  
 was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, as U.S. Application Number \_\_\_\_\_  
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was described and claimed in PCT International Application Number , filed on and as amended under PCT Article 19 on and/or PCT Article 34 on

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Application No.	Date Filed	Status Patented/Pending/Abandoned
PCT/EP02/00232	12 January 2002	Pending

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